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1. TAGESSPIEGEL MAY 3 GAVE PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE
COVERAGE TO STORY DATED "BERLIN/VIENNA/COPENHAGEN"
RELATING PLANS OF PAN AM AND BA TO INAUGURATE SERVICES
TO ZURICH, COPENHAGEN AND VIENNA. ARTICLE QUOTED RUNETTE
OF PAN AM AS SAYING PAN AM HAD APPLIED FOR ZURICH
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO (I.E., BEFORE BA) AND WISHED TO
OPERATE A DAILY NON-STOP SERVICE TO THAT CITY. HE
WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PAN AM, WHICH HAD INCREASED
ITS FLEET TO 14 AIRCRAFT, WISHED TO TIE BERLIN MORE
FIRMLY INTO INTERNATIONAL AVIATION NETWORK.

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2. ARTICLE STATED SCANDINAVIAN AVIATION CIRCLES

WERE AWARE OF PAN AM'S APPLICATION TO OPERATE SERVICE TO COPENHAGEN BUT THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW IF SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS HAD YET AGREED. VIENNA SOURCES WERE SAID TO BE AWARE OF PAN AM'S APPLICATION TO FLY TO THAT CITY. CITING BERLIN AVIATION CIRCLES, TAGESSPIEGEL SAID THAT US GOVERNMENT "ABOVE ALL" SUPPORTED EXPANSION OF EVERY FORM OF AIR TRAFFIC THROUGH CORRIDORS BECAUSE GDR NOT YET READY TO PERMIT OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN AIRLINES, INCLUDING LUFTHANSA, TO FLY TO WEST BERLIN.

3. SUCH STORY WAS PROBABLY INEVITABLE RESULT OF BA INDISCRETION (REFTEL), BUT THIS LAYING OUT OF ALL PAN AM PLANS AT ONCE MAY POSSIBLY PROVOKE A SOVIET COMPLAINT IN POLITICAL CHANNELS. KLEIN.

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